1985 under the heading "Spy nest in Doon Valley";

(b) the names of foreign agencies functioning in the Doon Valley; and

(c) what action is being taken to curb anti-national activity there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item is based on a sight-seeing visit of a diplomat to Mussoorie.

(b) There is no information with the Government about any such agencies being active in Doon Valley.

(c) Government is aware oi the importance of ensuring the security of the country and to this extent, wherever appropriate, necessary action under law is taken.

Filling up of posts of IAS officers in .Taimnu and Kashmir cadre

1755. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to *state:*

(a) how many posts in I,A,S, cadre arc available/v ": int in Jammu and Kashmir cadre;

(b) whether it is a fact that State Government had formed a Committee for their selection, whether the Central Government had sent any team for verification of their records and whether any member of the Union Public Service Com-m'ssion had been incorporated in the team;

(c) whether it is a tact fhat officers of more than 52 years of age with matriculate qualification have been recommended and that the jun'or payscale officers have been recommended;

(d) whether it is a fact that super scale I.A.S. have been Ignored: and

(e) what are the names of persons recommended by the State Government with their educational qualifications and scale o* pay in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: (a) 6 posts to be filled up by direct recruitment and 30 post; by promotion from the State C vil Service, are vacant in the Indian Administrative Service cadre of Jammu , & Kashmir.

(b) In accordance with trie provis on* of Regulation 3 of the Indian Administrative Service (Appointment by Promotion) Regulations. 1955. a Select on Committee was constituted for preparing a Select List of officers for promotion from the Jammu & Kashmir State Civil Service. This Committee was presided over by the Chairman of the Union Pub'ic Service Commission and included a Jo'nt Sec tary to the Government of Ind a and the Chief Secretary an<j three other senior ' officers of the State Government. The Selection Committee met in New Delhi on the 23rd December, 1985 and examined service records of eligible State Civ 1 Service officers for inclusion in the Select List for 'promotion to I.A.S.

(c) ant! (d) As *per* provls.oas of the Indiai nistrativc Service (Appointment by Promotion) Regulations, 1955, the upper age limit ng considered for inclusion in the Seled List is 54 years as On Its January of the year in which the Selection Committee meets. No m'ni-mttm educational qualification or scale ot Pay in the State Civil Service is prescribed as eligiblety condition for promotion to the I.A.S. However, a member of the State Civil Service to be eligible for consideration by the Selection Commitice should be substantive in the State C vil Service and sbouid have completed not less than 8 years of continuous service in the post of Deputy Collector or equivalent. In the list of fiS officers of the State Civil Service arranged in the order of seniority as furnished by the State Government there were 8 officers in the superlime scale of the State Civil Service and 50 officers in the Selection Grade and 10 in the time scale of the State Civil Service. 9 Selection Grade officers and 4 linic sca'e officers were ineligible for con-

siderat.on as they were not substantive in the State Civil Service.

(e) As the process of preparat'on of Select List is not over it would not be ap- j propriate *to* reveal details of the individuals.

Missing army deserters and defence personnel

1756. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of army deserters and defence personnel are still miv -ing;

(b) if so. »'nce when and what is the number thereof:

(c) whether Government are aware that soiEt. of such personnel have been recruited in Punjab Police and others are in Pakistan; if ;o, wh.details in this regard; andwhat is Go > react on inthis regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE. RESEARCH AND DFVF.LOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (d) The infot-...ice^j for is ol a classified nature I in public interest.

Seminar mi de^ couutries and nuclear issues

1757. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minisre- of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

whether a seminar entitled "Development countries and Nuclear Issue*' w«s held m New Delhi on January 20, 1986;

I if so, what are the names of tho e development countries whose delegates participated in the seminar;

(c) what are the main observations and suggestions made a1 the seminar; and

(d) wfaai is r.ovi-rnrnent's reaction then

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CSHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes Sir,, » workshop on this subject was organised jointly by the India International Centre and the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses on January 20th, 1986 at the request of the Independent Commission on Di 'armament and Security Issues, which met in New Delhi from January 17-19, 1986.

(b) No delegates from any country as such were inv.ted. The participants included Indian academics and others interested in security issues and those members of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues and the experts assisting them who were present for the New Delhi meeting of the Independent Commission on Disarmament and Security Issues.

(e) The theme paper for the work shop was titled "Developing Countries and Nuclear Issues."' The discussions covered a *. and disarmamentIMS.

(J) Government of India's views on ie issues are well-known and have been stated a number of times on the floor of !!iis House.

Opening of passport office in Kurukshclra

1758. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AEFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government', consideration to open a passport office in Kurukshetra in Haryana; and

(b) if so. bj 1 il is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): fa) No, Sir.

(b) Does not ar'se.

US insistence for signing of GSOMIA by In.-Iia

1759. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER 6e pleased to state;

fa) whether it is a fact rbat US is ins'stin» for signing of the GSOMIA by